

2009 Q4 HIGHLIGHTS

Madison finished 2009 on several high notes including the milestone December **groundbreaking** of the much awaited 60-bed, \$71 million **Madison Hospital**, and the \$36 million no-interest loan to build a **second high school** for the City's top-rated schools delivered by **Governor Riley** himself. Huntsville area soccer team **Rocket City United** announced Madison as their 2010 season "home" with new coach Desmond Armstrong. Other news included an international technology award to **STI Electronics, Inc.**, approval of a half-cent sales tax increase to pay back the \$36 million school loan, a new online and in-print local paper for Madison, homecoming and holiday festivities and parades, and several business openings and ribbon cuttings (see right).



MADISON HOSPITAL

Madison Hospital broke ground on a wet December day, but that did not stop elected officials, business professionals, and community members from coming out to see this milestone in the construction of Madison's first hospital. The state-of-the-art facility built by *Huntsville Hospital* sits on a 25-acre site at US Highway 72 and Balch Road in northwest Madison.

Madison Hospital architecture was unveiled at a City Council meeting in late November after a group of Madison residents and business owners had worked together with the project architects, to provide local input on the character of the building – which will be "hi-tech with southern hospitality". The planned 4-story building will include a welcoming and way-finding multi-story atrium, an emergency room, administrative offices on the 1st floor, 5 operating rooms, 4 labor-delivery rooms, 10 post partum rooms, a 12-bay well baby nursery, and 60 patient rooms. Well-designed for future additions, *Madison Hospital* will have space to expand up to 200 beds, employing approximately 500 people and providing patient care by February of 2012.

business openings

- Fitness Fusion
8760 Madison Blvd
- Mortgage America
401 Carter Drive

groundbreakings

- Madison Hospital Highway 72 in
Madison Medical Park

ribbon cuttings

- Freedom Information Systems
8331 Madison Blvd – Suite 400
- LifeCourse Capital
8331 Madison Blvd – Suite 100
- Springs of Madison Apartment
County Line Road
- Good Samaritan Hospice
540 Hughes Road – Suite 12

under construction

- Arbor Crossings Retail Center
County Line Road at Mill Road
Now Leasing!
- Craig and Steven Hogan Family
Center YMCA 66 Hughes Rd
- Country Inn & Suites Hotel
Madison Blvd – summer 2010



MADISON HOSPITAL

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Mayor Paul Finley (2nd from left) joins Huntsville Hospital CEO David Spillers & other elected officials in breaking ground on Madison Hospital.

Q4 IMPROVEMENTS, EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madison had events, announcements & progress during the fourth quarter:

- *Rocket City United* (RCU) announced their Madison 2010 season with new (former Olympian & U.S. National Team player) coach Desmond Armstrong. RCU plays in Alabama's highest level professional soccer league NPSL – a national regionalized Division III adult league founded in 2005, the team in 2007
- *Madison Street Festival* the first weekend in October was a huge success drawing more crowds than ever – over 26,000 people in 2009
- Traffic improvements underway on Hughes Road at 72 left turn, through lanes, right turn lanes & Hughes 5-lane south to Roma
- The 2-mile *Bradford Creek Greenway* announced to begin spring of 2010 connecting from Palmer Road to Heritage School

Rocket City United of the National Premiere Soccer League (NPSL) will play their 2010 season in Madison – including Saturday night home games in May, June & July at the Madison City Stadium. The season will conclude with a tournament the last weekend in July. Come out to support our team!



Springs at Madison Apartments opened beautiful new luxury rental living on Madison's County Line Road. Complete with common area pool, outdoor kitchen, computer room, & more, these convenient & attractive apartments provide amenity-rich living on Madison's west side.



Retail outlets available!

DEVELOPMENT & REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES SECOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR MADISON

Governor Riley came to Bob Jones High School to announce Madison among the recipients of the Qualified School Construction Bonds. Madison was awarded \$36 million, the largest award for any school district in Alabama. Planning for the second high school is already underway with a fall 2012 opening on its site west of County Line Road, north of Mill Road. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2010 on the 80-acre site. Key commercial sites, adjacent the new school, are also now being discussed and planned.

STI ELECTRONICS: MADISON FIRM WINS GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY AWARD

In November in Munich, Germany, Madison business *STI Electronics, Inc. (STI)* won a *Global Technology Award* for their anti-counterfeiting services. The ceremony was held at *Productronica* and broadcast live on Global SMT TV. STI provides services for customers testing the receipt of counterfeit parts from their vendors as well as to component manufacturers who want to verify if certain returned components are truly their original manufactured parts. Madison is proud of STI's accomplishments and congratulates them on their excellence.

MADISON MAGAZINE

Madison Magazine launched a new weekly tabloid-style publication designed to be the primary news and information source for the fast-growing city of Madison – with over 25,000 readers. Find a copy in area business establishments and also online at www.madisonalmagazine.com.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

In an effort to make things more convenient for our residents & contractors, the City of Madison Building Department has changed operating hours. The department is now open from 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. If you need additional information, please contact the office at (256)772-5644.

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